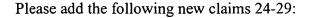
Please amend claims 4 and 8 as follows:



- 4. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule consisting of a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:
- (a) a nucleotide sequence that encodes a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence comprising SEQ ID NO:2;
 - (b) a nucleotide sequence consisting of SEQ ID NO:1;
 - (c) a nucleotide sequence consisting of SEQ ID NO:3; and
- (d) a nucleotide sequence that is completely complementary to a nucleotide sequence of (a)-(c).



8. (Amended) A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim 4.





- --24. A process for producing a polypeptide comprising culturing the host cell of claim 9 under conditions sufficient for the production of said polypeptide, and recovering said polypeptide.
- 25. An isolated polynucleotide consisting of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.
- 26. An isolated polynucleotide consisting of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:3.
- 27. The vector of claim 8, wherein said vector is selected from the group consisting of a plasmid, a virus, and a bacteriophage.
- 28. The vector of claim 8, wherein said isolated nucleic acid molecule is inserted into said vector in proper orientation and correct reading frame such that a polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO:2 may be expressed by a cell transformed with said vector.
- 29. The vector of claim 28, wherein said isolated nucleic acid molecule is operatively linked to a promoter sequence. --